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TERMS OF BRITISH CONTRACT GIVEN IN DETAIL

COVERS SURPLUS BEEF, BACON, EGGS, AND CHEESE-1948-9

Amalgamation Principal Question

Ex-Balkan King and Danish Fiancee

Each Contract to Specify Amounts Which Canada Estimates She Can Deliver

PRICE DETAILS

Estimate of Available Feed Grains in Canada Down—Farm Labor Situation Eases

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery (Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Jan. 7th.—Details of the food contracts with Britain have recently been announced. These are some of the main features:

(1) Britain has agreed to buy Canada's surplus of beef, bacon, eggs and cheese for 1948 and 1949.

(2) Each contract will specify the amounts which it is previously estimated Canada will be able to deliver.

(3) Prices for 1948 are agreed on, while those for 1949 will be negotiated before the end of 1948 "to maintain the proper relationship with grain prices."

(4) The price of Grade A number One Sizeable Wiltshire Sides of bacon for 1948 will be \$36.00 per hundred pounds at seaboard (compared with \$29.00 in 1947).

(5) The estimated amount of bacon which Canada can deliver is 195,000,000 pounds and this is the quantity specified in the contract.

(6) The increases in the price of beef are \$3.25 per cwt. for red and blue quality, \$2.00 for medium and for cow carcasses, and \$1.50 for boneless manufacturing beef. The new contract price for red will be \$27.50, for blue \$26.50, medium \$23.10. The cull from good to choice will be \$21.20, and manufacturing beef \$24.00. The estimated amount of beef to be delivered is approximately the same as in 1947, that is from 45 to 50 million pounds.

Means Higher Floor for Top Quality

At the news interview in which the details were given, Mr. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, said the prices paid for lower quality carcasses "will have an immediate effect on the price paid producers for lower grades of cattle, and although current (domestic) prices for choice and good beef are higher than even these advanced contract prices, the new contract will provide a higher price floor for top quality beef during periods of surplus marketings."

New Contracts for Eggs and Cheese

Under the new contract for eggs, which calls for the delivery of 80,000,000 dozens in 1948, the spring price will be five cents a dozen higher than the spring price for 1947. The price in the fall, beginning September 1, 1948, will be 3-1/2 cents a dozen above the present fall price. In regard to processing, and form in which deliveries are to be made, details will



When the abdication of King Michael of Romania was first announced, it was supposed that its purpose was to free him to marry his fiancée, the Danish Princess Anne de Bourbon-Parma, but since the ex-king arrived in Switzerland aboard a special train, a secretary intimated that the reason for the abdication was solely political, and stated that Michael would have something to say on the matter later.

Of the Balkan kingdoms, which provided background and color for Anthony Hope's "Prisoner of Zenda" and other romances, only Greece now remains, and it is not typical. "Ruritania" is no more, nor, for that matter, is the land of Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" and of its musical version, "The Chocolate Soldier."

be given in plenty of time on quantities to be stored, frozen or dried.

The cheese contract is for 50,000,000 pounds, at a price of 30 cents a pound instead of 25 cents. The quantity is considerably below the previous figure, but while the contract called for 125,000,000 pounds, actual deliveries during the present contract ending March 31, 1948, are estimated at 55,750,000-lbs.

Sense of Relief

As everybody knows, a very considerable sense of relief was felt when the news came out that an agreement had been reached with the British. The point uppermost in everybody's mind is that Britain has been an old, steady market—a market insistent on maintenance of quality, but reliable if quality is kept up—and experience has shown that there is no other market which offers such opportunities for the sale of staple Canadian food products. Canada's own dollar problem has made it easier for people in this country to understand the difficulties under which the British have been laboring in the effort to put their economy on an even keel.

The British of course are striving to increase their own agricultural production. The recently announced treaty of Britain with Russia for the import of Russian grain—no wheat is

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DIFFERENT PLANS WILL COME BEFORE U.F.A. CONVENTION

Various Resolutions Will Be Debated at Gathering in Edmonton Next Week

MUCH OTHER BUSINESS

Provincial and National Farm Problems of Major Importance Face Delegates

"Amalgamation" will again be the principal issue to be faced by the delegates to the thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, from January 13th to 16th inclusive.

Locals of the U.F.A. have had before them for some time past an invitation issued by the Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, to consider a merger of the U.F.A. with the A.F.A. The invitation was also extended to the A.F.U.

As recorded in our last issue, the Annual Meeting of the Federation instructed their Board to proceed with such an amalgamation if the United Farmers of Alberta in Annual Convention should reject a proposal made by the Annual Convention of the Alberta Farmers' Union, and if the U.F.A. Convention should favor acceptance of the A.F.A.'s invitation.

The relevant resolution of the Alberta Farmers' Union Convention was printed in full in the last issue of The Western Farm Leader. It proposed

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Clapperton, Parker, Guest Speakers at Farmers' Convention

Officials of Income Tax Branch Will Deal With Problems Farm Income Tax

Guest speakers on the first two evenings of the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in Edmonton next week will be D. W. Clapperton, of Calgary, whose subject will be "Civilization on Trial: United Nations and Nuclear Energy", and W. J. Parker, of Winnipeg, First Vice-President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and President of Manitoba Pool Elevators.

Discuss Income Tax Problems

Gordon Northfield, of the Income Tax branch at Ottawa, and Mr. Gill, of the service in Alberta, will speak on the subject of farmers and income tax and will no doubt deal with questions by delegates. They will speak at 2:30 on Wednesday afternoon, January 14th.

Mr. Clapperton, of the C.P.R. Legal Department, is President of the United Nations Association in Calgary and of the Calgary Branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. He

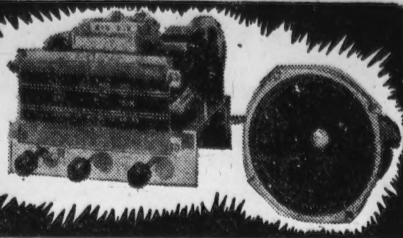
is known to radio listeners as a member, and for several years Chairman of the "Round Table" broadcasting group in Calgary, and those who have heard him on the air will be anxious this year, if they can, to hear his address on the most vital subject of our day, upon which he is well-equipped to speak, at the Convention. He will speak at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, January 13th.

Mr. Parker will address the Convention on Wednesday evening, January 14th at 8:30 p.m. He has had occasion to visit Europe on a number of recent occasions in connection with marketing matters and food problems in which the International Federation of Agricultural Producers are concerned. It is expected that he will deal with the present position of agriculture, nationally and internationally.

Arrangements have been made to broadcast the proceedings on the opening morning of the Convention, Jan. 13th, from 10:45 to 12, when the three Presidential addresses and the Directors' Report will be presented, and also the address of Mr. Parker on Tuesday evening.

Fraternel delegates will be heard at 8 o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There will be a dance on Thursday evening.

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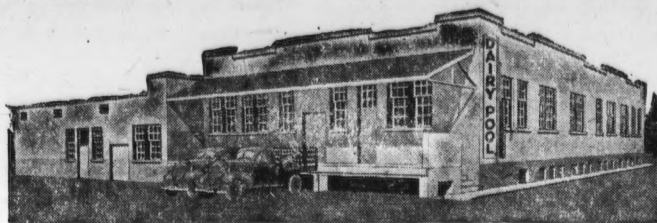
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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

To Our Members and Friends:

It is a great privilege to have been chosen this year to bring New Year's Greetings through these columns to all within this organization and to all our friends elsewhere.

All too frequently during the year do we allow ourselves to put off till some later day saying those words of thanks and gratefulness that are truly owing by us to so many. But, we cannot enter upon the New Year without pausing briefly and thinking back over the past.

Countless Heart-warming Incidents

For while it is true that amid all the distractions of our daily life it is sometimes difficult to find a quiet hour for peaceful reflection, nevertheless we know full well that if we do take time out for such quiet analysis of last year's happenings, both in business and private life, countless are the heart-warming incidents we can recall. And in nearly every case we come to the realization that inherent in man is found a great capacity for kindness and true generosity towards his fellow man. Even though the gracious message of Goodwill toward Men may not be easy to hear through the swirling noise of all the disturbing happenings of our day, we shall hear it if we so will.

As a business organization, we in the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool have come a long way, and have achieved much success in the field of our activities, which could not have come about without goodwill. The passing of the old year and the beginning of the new, offer us a great opportunity to acknowledge gratefully all the kindness, loyalty and true co-operation shown by so many.

Some Assets Not Shown On Balance Sheet

It is true that in business we let the Annual Balance Sheet tell us where we stand and what are our assets. But some assets of immense value will not be reflected there—merely the results thereof. I think of the friendship of our old members of long standing, and of our new members. Of the many people outside our organization with whom we come in frequent contact, and of the loyal and willing service given by every member of our Staff in all our plants. The apparent desire of all to work together for the purpose of again recording a successful business year has made it possible for your Board of Directors and Management to close our fiscal year as one of the best on record.

In acknowledging this most encouraging fact, may I be permitted to say a sincere "Thank You" to all who put their shoulder to the wheel during the past year, and may I bespeak your continued goodwill and support during 1948.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of your organization, and myself, I wish you all

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THE HEATHERLAND AT NEW YEAR'S

By M. A. PATTERSON

A good New Year to one and all
That love the Heather land,
Who have a kindly feeling for
The glens and mountains grand.
What though upon the upland hoar
The Storm King loves to rave,
And frost binds up the dancing streams,
And snow shrouds nature's grave.
The spring will loose the ice-bound brooks,
Unshroud reviving flowers,
And chase the Storm King from his throne,
Back to his icy towers.
Dear to our hearts the Heather land,
Where lived the noble brave,
Who battled in the days of yore,
Our Liberties to save.
When Roman legions fought the world
To conquer and enslave,
They gained not victory, but they found
In Heather land a grave.

When Southern hosts like tempest wild,
Or like o'erwhelming flood,
Came o'er the border but to dye
The heather with their blood,
Tell me of men for freedom's cause
That made a nobler stand,
Or maidens of a purer love
Than those of Heather land.
Still that same spirit as of old
The highland hearts enshrine,
And love can burn as pure a flame
As in the days lang syne.
They tell of lands beyond the main,
Where winter never reigns,
But are they like the Heather land,
Free from the Fascist chains?
Oh, land of Wallace and of Bruce,
Of Scott and Burns so true,
May traitors all against your peace
Find "Good New Years" but few.

Edmonton, Alberta.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Farm Radio Forum for 1948:—The Forum program for the new year got under way on January 5th when the topic was "Marketing by Co-ops." The importance of this topic cannot be over-estimated. Marketing by Co-ops today is big business. It enables organizations, owned and controlled by the producers and consumers, to establish a trade pattern which tends to narrow the margin as between the producer and ultimate consumer. The Forum program will likely deal with these various aspects, but discussion alone will not make a co-operative enterprise successful. It needs the full support of its patrons combined with efficient management.

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These factors in turn depend upon understanding and interest of the members. Thus, any discussion of our Co-op activities will be helpful.

On January 12th an equally important subject will be under consideration—"The World is our Market". We, in an exporting country, must produce for the world's markets and in so doing must produce quality products that will meet competition from other countries. The maintenance of these world markets is not entirely a question of production. In this respect the farmer cannot solve this problem alone. It involves the questions of finance, trade and international relations. Speaking of trade, is there not room for an exchange of commodities as between co-operatives in the countries interested?

These are some of the questions that you can discuss with your neighbors through the Farm Forum listening group. Today we have forty-two groups in Alberta. We know that more will register after the new year, but why not a group in your district? For further information, write to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, 525 Loughed Building, Calgary.

To Address Co-op Congress

Murray D. Lincoln, president of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A. will speak at the annual Canadian Co-operative Congress to be held in Saskatoon March 9th to 12th.

BRITISH EXPERIMENTS

LONDON, Eng.—Twenty specially insulated buses will be used this winter in experiments by the British Government's Building Research Station to determine the most efficient methods of heating.

Ask Ottawa State Plans for Checking Spiral Inflation

Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, recently held in Edmonton, endorsed a resolution of the Co-operative Union of Canada regarding the Dominion Government's policy of price decontrol.

The resolution pointed out that controls had been found necessary during the war to prevent or limit inflation, and that the Government had sought to educate the public to appreciate the necessity for controls. Yet, following the war, "the danger of inflation, so far from disappearing, has greatly increased, and bears with it an even more alarming prospect of inflation." For these reasons, the Government was asked:

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"2. To make known to the people of Canada the reasons why the policy of decontrol has been pursued at this time.

"3. To state what alternative methods it proposes to employ in checking the spiral inflation."

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BRITISH FOOD CONTRACTS

In their declaration that the new prices on British food contracts may be considered "reasonably satisfactory under existing price levels," we believe the Alberta Federation of Agriculture expresses the judgment of an overwhelming majority of the farm people of the Province.

"These prices," the A.F.A. sets forth, "will assist greatly in stabilizing Agriculture in Alberta and will offer some assurance to the farmer for his efforts of the year. It is doubtful if the price of feed will rise materially as long as the prices are created by actual purchases of feed requirements and are not the result of speculative trading.

"Contrary to the opinion of some, the farmers are not desirous of extremely high prices, but are interested in a stabilized price structure, believing that extremely high and extremely low prices are not, over a period of years, in the best interests of either the producers or consumers."

The Federation, in its published statement, deals with various aspects of the present situation, pointing out that it was costly and unfortunate that the agreements could not have been consummated prior to the lifting of ceilings and withdrawal of subsidies. The British contract prices, not perhaps sufficient to bring increased production immediately, "will maintain a large portion of our breeding stock and hold the decline in production." With these views President Church of the U.F.A. concurs.

Neither the Alberta Federation of Agriculture nor the Canadian Federation of which it forms a part can have any interest to serve which is in conflict with those of the farm people as a whole, for these organizations are the farm people's own creations and representatives.

Leaders of the Federations, in their planning, and in the formation of judgments upon such issues as those of the contracts with Britain, are bound, by their loyalty to the agricultural industry, to favor "long range" rather than "short range" policies.

ALBERTA EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL

The Alberta Educational Council, whose well-documented presentation of the case for increased Provincial expenditure upon education last winter brought substantial results, has now launched a further campaign, to cover the early months of this year. Part of the campaign will be carried on over the air. Such information on broadcasting as is available as we go to press is published in this issue.

We wish the Council continued success. It seeks to bring equality of educational opportunities to all communities in Alberta. This must mean, inevitably, the very substantial improvement of such opportunities in rural areas.

BAD FOR HAZLITT'S REPUTATION

In an editorial supporting the views of Henry Hazlitt, apostle of a sort of Wall Street version of "free enterprise", the *Calgary Herald* describes as "unanswerable" a passage in which Mr. Hazlitt suggests that his is "the only country in the world today that is really producing anything".

One small part of the answer to that grave misstatement is to be found in a recent London despatch to Southam newspapers which points out that British steel mills had an output in 1947 of 120 long tons per man as compared with the U.S. output

A Thought for January

*The feasting and the merriment are past,
Their season's happy symbols laid away,
And only vagrant memories shall last
To gild the shadows of the common day.
Refreshed at the oasis of goodwill
We now resume the one essential quest
To find, while there is time, some means to still
The rising storm of whispering unrest.*

*The voice of friendship and the friendly hand,
The kindly deed to do and to accept,
The need to share, the will to understand—
Could but these very lovely things be kept
Alive through all the days of all the years
We should escape for ever from our fears.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

of 112 long tons. Other figures show that in one week last October even the previous record—that of Dunkirk week of 1940—was exceeded by British steel workers.

We think the quotation from Hazlitt is damaging to his reputation as an economist, because it shows that he is not concerned to be accurate. In endorsing the passage quoted, perhaps the *Calgary* daily was carried off its feet momentarily by its objection to the economic policy of the British Government; for the *Herald* tends as a rule to be fair to the British people, and only last week quoted on its editorial page statistics which show how gravely the British are handicapped by reason of the fact that they "are among the poorest fed people in Europe today".

One of the nauseating spectacles to be seen from time to time in our post-war world is that of comfortable and self-satisfied residents (such as Mr. Hazlitt) of the North American continent which waxed fat as a result of the world conflict, condescendingly lecturing those gallant peoples of the old world who sacrificed their economic position in the interest of all.

SPEAKING OF "PUNITIVE" INDEMNITIES

Many of our readers will remember widespread protests soon after the close of the first World War, against the "punitive" indemnities, or "reparations" as they were called, which the victorious Allies proposed to exact from the German state—which had lost the war.

Well, Britain did not lose World War II. She, with the Dominions and Empire, stood alone for two years, while the foundations of eventual victory were laid. And yet . . .

Britain at the end of the war, as a result of her stand against the common enemy, found herself almost as deeply in debt as was Germany after the reparations had been fixed at the Lausanne Conference of 1922.

At that Conference the Allies decided that the defeated German state (which had a population nearly twice as great as Britain's today, and a far larger area and much greater material resources), could pay reparations of 6-1/2 billion gold pounds.

Actually, as statistics from an authentic British source make clear, Britain, as a result of her services

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BLUEPRINT OF DESTINY

BY E. S. RUSSENHOLT

Editor's Note: Before the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Edmonton recently, Mr. Russenholt of the Public Relations Branch of Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, delivered a well documented address bearing the above title, which aroused widespread interest among the delegates. Mr. Russenholt's own experience over many years brought him into close contact with important problems of conservation in Western Canada. His address dealt with resources as exemplified in farm crops, tree crops, community forests, etc., and fur crops, mines, power, fish, and wildlife generally and with recreation. While we cannot at this time present his address in full, we are confident that our readers will find the passages printed below interesting and important. They are from the opening portion of a very effective address.

Every Canadian interested in agriculture—and in the future of Canada—must be interested in conservation.

For... whatever forms of government we elect—whatever financial set-ups we develop, the standard of our living (and the contribution we can make to the living of other peoples) are determined by the manner in which we Canadians use our resources of land and water.

THIS IS MY THESIS: We can achieve opportunity, prosperity and security... for 10 times the present number of Canadians in our West... and vastly enlarge Canada's contribution to the peace and "wealth" of mankind... through conservation.

What Conservation Is

Conservation is: "the use of all our resources of land and water for the greatest good of the greatest number of our people over the longest time."

Some folks disagree with such a thesis. They point out that our wheat-growing acres may decline, and, therefore, suggest population and opportunity in our West cannot climb—but may toboggan.

Such studies remind me of a resolution submitted to a national assembly, recently—recommending that future meetings be held in "Central Canada". When it was pointed out that the centre of Canada is west of Churchill, the sponsors said, "Oh, we meant somewhere around Toronto!" Those men were progressive and successful Canadians. They know the map of Canada. But the thinking that drives the machinery of their actions is shaped, not by the facts of geography, but by the concepts of a bygone generation.

In the same way, the conclusion that our Western population cannot increase—but may, actually, decline—appears to be based upon the thinking of the single-crop economy, from which we are progressing into the economy of conservation.

Our thesis: that our West can provide secure abundance for 25 million Canadians and multiply opportunity to serve mankind—is based upon full use of all our resources of land and water—in farms, forests, furs, mines, power, fish, wildlife and recreation. Such full use of all our resources means, not less wheat but more wheat. In fact, only through

full, balanced use of all our land and water resources can we reap peak crops of wheat.

Full use of all our resources of land and water means blue-printing development, by natural regions. The natural region for efficient development is the basin drained by a river or system of rivers, such as the Tennessee Valley, in the United States, or the Ganaraska Valley, in Ontario.

The Saskatchewan-Nelson Region

Let us examine our own region, drained by the Saskatchewan-Winnipeg-Nelson river system, and how its resources of land and water may be used to produce better living for 10 times more people.

This region embraces the Southern half of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and a bit of Ontario. It is the home of 2-1/2 million Canadians. Annual precipitation is scanty. Our waters fluctuate wildly. Our prairies often flood in spring—for a few days. Then, are blasted by drought! The amount of water we can put to work—when we need it... that is the basic physical factor which measures our harvests—our population—and our prosperity.

Neglect, misuse and waste have damaged our resources of water and soil—and headed us down the trail that so many civilizations have travelled in the course of history—to lose their lands, and, finally, their existence.

Over our entire region, a big share of available water is evaporated by sun and wind, and wasted by the old idea that every tree and shrub should be slaughtered, and every marsh, stream and lake bled dry... for a single crop.

(To be Continued)

Amendments Income Tax Act Again Urged

OTTAWA, Ont.—Reaffirming their position taken in briefs submitted to the Government in 1946 and April, 1947, and dealing with other specific matters of tax policy, a delegation representing the Co-operative Union of Canada and Le Conseil Canadien de la Co-operation recently presented a joint submission to Hon. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance.

In previous submissions the two national co-operative organizations had urged the Government to exempt the income of co-operatives which operate on a basis briefly summarized as follows: co-operatives which are controlled on the basis of one member, one vote, which distribute their net surplus on a patronage basis, which pay not more than a moderate rate of interest on share capital, and provide for education in co-operative principles and practice.

The submission also made specific requests for amendments to Bill 454, which contains the new Income Tax Act which the Government proposes to enact this session. The proposals for amendment included: removal of the 3 per cent limitation on the payment of patronage refunds, provision

Sets New Precedent for "In Irrigation Districts" British Women



Cecily Luc Lam, of Sheffield, (above) may someday be Britain's first woman ambassador in a foreign capital. She has been appointed third secretary to the embassy at Belgrade, the first woman to qualify as a permanent member of the foreign office diplomatic staff.

for deduction, from undistributed surplus, of "limited contingency reserves" which are required to be set aside by provincial law, that the "payment" of patronage refunds as defined in the legislation be amended to include payment by the application of patronage refunds on account of loans or shares pursuant to by-law (a practice already allowed by Departmental ruling), that corporations which hold forth a prospect of paying patronage refunds, and pay them, be not required to pay income tax by instalments, and

Climate, soil, population, markets and transportation, prices, farm tenure, land use and crop trends, farm types, financial returns of various farm types, ranches, labor, farm power, the Rolling Hills project, are some of the heads under which "Farming in the Irrigation Districts of Alberta" is discussed in the 66-page pamphlet of that name recently issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Department of Political Agriculture of the University of Alberta.

Since January 1st, the entire network of railways in Britain are being operated as a State project, under the name of "British Railways".

that in any event the privilege of making payments in a lump sum should apply to all co-ops whose taxable income, after deducting patronage refunds, does not exceed \$3,000, that the three-year exemption applicable to new co-ops be extended to five years.

The delegation also urged that Section 4 (g) of the present Act, which the Government proposes to replace by Section 57 (1) (h) of Bill 454, be re-enacted. Section 4 (g) exempts the income of certain mutual corporations, whereas the new section would restrict the exemption to certain mutual insurance corporations. Some other amendments were asked.

Included in the delegation were: A. C. Savage, Vice-President of The Co-operative Union, McD. Rankin, Regina, member of the Executive Committee of the Union, A. B. MacDonald, General Secretary, W. B. Francis, Solicitor for the Union, Leo Filion, Secretary of Le Conseil Canadien de la Co-operation and Francois Jobin, Solicitor.

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Looking Ahead into 1948

By THE FIELDMAN

Well fellows, 1947 is gone and the New Year is upon us, and what it will bring to this old world—peace or strife, prosperity or depression—we do not know.

The wise man is putting his own house in order, so that it will be able to withstand anything that the future holds for us.

Agriculture and Dairying

As I write, the situation as regards agriculture and dairying is still obscure. Whether we are to go back to ceiling prices on butter and possibly other dairy products is also uncertain.

To what extent the new British food contract will affect our domestic price levels also remains to be seen. It would seem as though the farmer must plan his 1948 operations largely upon the assumption that 1948 will follow 1947 price trends with possibly a slight improvement here and there.

Farmers Culling Heads

Amid all this uncertainty, there are some things that ARE certain and sure. More and more farmers are culling their dairy herds very carefully—the high prices of concentrates and coarse grains make it more imperative than ever, that only the cows that will produce efficiently and profitably be kept in the herds. A poor cow eats as

much as a good cow and is a liability rather than an asset.

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C.A.D. Pool Meetings

The winter program of meetings and picture shows is now in full swing. During December meetings were held at Forshee, Lincoln, Spruceville, Manfred and Bashaw. These meetings which were well attended, featured that outstanding Dairy Film, "The Science of Milk Production" (Sound and Technicolor). The kiddies are well pleased, too, with special films which are included in the program. Write for dates to Red Deer.

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with respect to Final payments.

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Yours for the Asking

Our winter schedule of meetings and shows is now under way, and if you would like to have us come to your community, please write and say the date you would like us to be there. Our chief sound film, "The Science of Milk Production", in Technicolor, has created a great deal of interest and every farming community should see it. It's yours for the asking!

I will conclude with the sincere wish that the year 1948 will bring forth to each and every one of you an abundance of good health and good fellowship towards all men.

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"The Co-operative Challenge"

An Open Letter to *The Western Farm Leader*

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Dear Alberta Friends:

A new book is just out here, *The Co-operative Challenge* by Bertram Fowler, who toured Canada several years ago studying Co-operatives. We had him as guest speaker at Lone Pine Hall, east of Didsbury, where he gave one of the finest talks I've ever heard. He writes almost as well as he talks and his book is very interesting and worth-while reading.

In it he deals with the cause of economic breakdowns in our society and points the way out. The cause: business for profit (instead of human need) which creates monopoly at home and cartels abroad, inevitably leading to totalitarianism. Democracy, says Mr. Fowler, is being saved through Consumer Co-ops, which over the past 20 years moved from a very weak beginning through rapid growth to a powerful position in North America.

Seven Sound Principles

The author attributes the stable growth of co-operatives to their adherence to the seven sound principles laid down by the Rochdale Weavers, principles which are as applicable today as they were in the beginning in Great Britain.

He devotes one entire chapter to the story of Wheat Pools of the Canadian Prairies and concludes that while their growth was phenomenal, the picture will only be complete when they are merged into consumer co-ops to serve everybody. Perhaps he means the milling of flour, baking and distributing of bread, as well as the marketing of by-products to consumers.

Mr. Fowler deals with the Co-operative growth of electricity in this Pacific Northwest and the part it played in developing an area along the Columbia River that had practically stood still for 50 years. He believes strongly in Co-operative health insurance from the cradle to the grave, and cites places where it is being carried out here in America.

In conclusion, says the author, with more leaders of vision, like Murray Lincoln, and adult education for mem-

Ask Give Consideration to Co-op Packing Plants

At the U.F.A. Convention in Edmonton next week, the Board of the Association will submit a resolution to the delegates expressing the opinion that "the time is opportune to give consideration to the setting up of co-operative packing plants."

bers, will come the unification necessary to give our co-operatives a backlog of financial strength. If depression comes again, Mr. Fowler is sure the Co-ops will demonstrate their worth, and show that we are at long last on the right road to true Democracy.

Some of us, of course, while thoroughly agreeing with Mr. Fowler about the importance of building our co-operatives, also are fully convinced that there are cases in which co-operation must be supported by government sponsored economic enterprise. While placing co-operatives first in our efforts, we think that in these days of crisis, the need for speed may at times in certain fields necessitate action through public ownership. We want co-operatives as far as may be possible, however, to take over control.

I am sending a copy of *The Co-operative Challenge* to the U.F.A. Office so they can loan it out to members who wish to read it, and sincerely hope it gets around the Province this winter.

CORA J. KERNS.

Action Taken By A.F.A. Convention

(Continued from last issue)

In our last issue we described the action taken by the delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture on a large number of issues bearing on the interests of agriculture in Canada.

The delegates also took action on other important matters. They:

Fact Finding Board

Urged continuation by the C.F.A. of "the fight for a National Fact Finding Board to establish correct relationship between prices and income, and rally the support of organized Labor, Consumer Councils, other Farm Organizations and Educational Organizations, and all interested groups."

Asked that the "basic herd" for income tax purposes "be the number of cattle on hand as at January 1st, 1940, and that commencing with the first unassessed statement this basic herd shall become effective."

Asked the Alberta Department of Agriculture to "initiate investigations and publish a report upon the relationship between bees, seed production and honey production." It was pointed out that "no definite information on the value of bees as cross-pollinators under Alberta conditions is available."

Endorsed action of Board of A.F.A. in asking the Alberta Government to establish farm cost surveys in this Province.

Petitioned the Dominion Government "henceforth to prevent the adoption of daylight saving time in Canada."

Oppose Exclusion Policy

Strongly protested against any policy of shipping processed meats only to the United States, to the exclusion of the shipment of live animals. The resolution stated that "it has been reliably reported" that the Dominion Government contemplates such an exclusive policy.

Went on record as "deploring the invasion of farmers' rights, and improper compensation accorded farmers for distress caused by oil development." In this connection, the meeting referred to the Board of Directors for consideration and action thereon, a number of different plans submitted

Re-affirm Approval of C.F.A Health Plan

Of interest to all Alberta citizens, and especially to the organized farm women who through the U.F.W.A. have played a very large part in the development of health policies and have long been agitating for national health insurance, is one of the major decisions of the recent Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Edmonton. The delegates to that Convention reaffirmed approval of the national health scheme of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

This plan called for the establishment of an all-embracing scheme to be financed from the national revenue. (It was presented to the Dominion Parliament's Advisory Committee on

by the Alberta Farmers' Union Convention, for dealing with different kinds of cases in which farmers' rights are affected by oil development.

The meeting referred to the Board for decision and necessary action a number of other resolutions which lack of time prevented the delegates from considering.

Health Insurance in 1942 and to the Social Security Committee in 1943.) The A.F.A. delegates set forth that "there is uncertainty that the health needs of rural people will have proper consideration under the latest health proposals presented to the Dominion Provincial Conference in August, 1945, by the Federal Minister of Health." For this reason adoption of the original C.F.A. plan will be pressed for.

Closing Gap

LONDON, Eng.—Britain's November trade figures, published recently, show progress in the drive to close the balance of payments gap. In November the excess of imports over exports, in Britain, was less than \$128,000,000—the lowest since February.

Harvesting of 6,000 tons of sugar beets was carried out in southwestern Ontario on a fully mechanized basis.

Henry Wallace in a speech at Boston strongly condemned any attempt to make aid to Britain conditional on her abandonment of nationalization of industry. He called for a rationing and price control bill with teeth.

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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Dec. 18th.—Terms of agreement for financing British-American zones of Germany (signed yesterday) made public, U.S. to pay three-quarters of occupation costs. British coal production for week highest since August, year's target in sight. New British-Canadian food agreements announced.

Dec. 19th.—Australia sells 80,000,000 bushels of wheat to Britain at \$2.72, 25,000,000 to India, Malaya, at \$2.96. Britain's dollar and gold reserves will total two billions at end of year, states Cripps, says new Russian trade treaty will be powerful in spreading Britain's

area of supply. Gromyko says Russians disappointed in UN because of American policy, but still believe it can be effective instrument for peace. Truman urges spending large sums in Canada, Latin America, as part of Marshall plan.

Dec. 20th.—In radio report on Big Four conference, Marshall blames Molotov for failure.

Dec. 21st.—Workers in Italian food industries gain wage increases after two-day strike.

Dec. 22nd.—Essence of Marshall plan is war, charges Moscow radio, condemn U.S. for calling upon Schacht, formerly Nazi economist, for aid in new construction plans for Germany. Italian assembly approves republican constitution. Parliament of Panama unanimous in rejecting agreement to allow U.S. to lease 14 military bases on Panamanian soil.

Dec. 23rd.—Truman signs bill for \$540 millions for emergency aid in France, Italy, Austria, China. Arabs attack Jewish funeral procession. U.S. takes steps to withdraw troops from defence bases in Panama. Disorders reported from Trieste, UN asks Italy and Yugoslavia to submit nomination for governor of area.

Dec. 24th.—Pope Pius, in Christmas Eve broadcast, sees "sinister light of new conflict" on horizon.

Dec. 25th.—Hopes for time of true peace expressed by King George in Christmas Day broadcast. New Chinese constitution comes into effect, national assembly to convene March 29th.

Dec. 26th.—Killed in Palestine for day total 22, including 17 Jews shot by Arab snipers. Greek guerillas set up Communist state, fail in attempt to seize Konitsa. Pravda charges Vatican is backing reactionary forces in Italy, France. Communists surround Mukden, is Nanking report. Parliament of Iran says it has not consented to agreement giving U.S. power to prevent military experts of other powers from advising Iranian army.

Dec. 27th.—Paralyzing blizzard hits New York. Krupps works could begin making armaments again in six months, is Essen report.

Dec. 28th.—Victor Emmanuel, former king of Italy, dies in exile. Reinforced Greek army begins new offensive against guerillas. Britain to receive 750,000 tons coarse grains from Russia, by new agreement, announced.

Dec. 29th.—Henry Wallace announces he will run for U.S. president, as independent. U.S.S.R. occupation forces allot 60,000 tons of wheat, wood, motor fuel from eastern Germany as reparations to 10 countries, including Britain, U.S., France, first steps to implement Potsdam agreement. Royal Navy will intercept two large vessels carrying illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine, Admiralty announces. Greece accuses Yugoslavia of "warmongering", invoking recent UN measure.

Dec. 30th.—Wallace proposes UN administer aid for countries which suffered most severely from Axis aggression, no political strings, no aid for armaments. King Michael abdicates throne of Romania. India will refer Kashmir problem to UN, is announced. Greeks say Konitsa still in hands of government troops. U.S. railways get further 10 per cent freight rate increase.

Dec. 31st.—Molotov charges U.S. caused break-up of Big Four conference, says it wants Germany to be "bridgehead of American imperialism". China's "present Communist menace comes as much from without as within", charges Chiang Kai-Shek.

Jan. 1st.—UN has to its credit continuing programs for feeding children in nine European countries, in health, in refugee work, in the FAO, and in the international bank, says New Year summary from Lake Success. Between 500 and 700 immigrants into Palestine evade naval blockade, but 11,000 others taken to Cyprus. Guerillas in northern Greece said retreating. British Government becomes owner of all railways, pays stockholders for nationalized railways, with bonds bearing 3 per cent interest.

Jan. 2nd.—Canadian Appeal for Children, working with UNESCO, will launch campaign for funds in February. U.S. may go back to meat rationing, reported. Further atomic tests to be made in one month, at Eniwetok, announces Washington.

Jan. 3rd.—French Government wins Parliamentary support for anti-inflation measure, De Gaulists, Communists, opposed. Burma celebrates independence, will set up republic. U.S. sends marines to Mediterranean.

Southern Alberta Co-op Has Notable Record Past Year

The Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, Lethbridge, did business last year to the value of \$1,167,000, it was announced recently by Grant Woolley, manager. Recently, the Co-op's building has been completely renovated and redecorated, business offices are now upstairs, the sales room has been enlarged, new fixtures have been added, and new, large plate glass windows put into the front of the building. In addition to handling many lines of farm supplies, including Maple Leaf products, the Co-op buys and sells cattle and lambs, and also does contract feeding. To handle the livestock business, a special office is maintained at the Lethbridge stockyards.

NAME OMITTED

The list of officers of the Alberta Farmers' Union, published in our last issue, was incomplete, the name of the Secretary-Treasurer, R. J. Boutillier, having been omitted.

After serving as secretary-treasurer of Munson U.F.A. for twenty-five years, Wilkie Sharpe recently relinquished that office.

Jan. 4th.—Formation of industrial groups (along lines of those of Mussolini's "corporate state"), to replace labor unions, advocated by DeGaulle. Arab headquarters, other buildings, in Jerusalem, Jaffa, bombed.

Jan. 5th.—Canadian living costs reach all-time record high in November—146.0—states Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Ex-king Michael of Romania returns to Switzerland. Japanese five-year plan sets target of billion dollars of exports yearly by 1951.

Jan. 6th.—Aided by R.I.A.F., Indian troops repel large-scale Moslem attack, in Kashmir. Moslem rioters in Karachi fire Sikh temple, killing 70 Sikh refugees. British miners come within 300,000 tons of 1947 objective of 200 million tons, announced, no danger of fuel crisis this winter.

Jan. 7th.—Five-man executive council appointed in new republic of Romania, to function until president is elected. Clay announces definite arrangements to merge British and American zones in Germany.

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Many Resolutions on Grain Mar- keting and Prices to Be Discussed

That railroads should be publicly owned, rates being equalized over the whole of Canada, and that any deficit resulting from such a policy should be met by subsidy, is the opinion expressed in a resolution to be brought before the U.F.A. Convention next week. The resolution is submitted by Wetaskiwin Federal Constituency Association.

Numerous resolutions on prices of agricultural products will be submitted to the delegates for their consideration, including one from the U.F.A. Board expressing regret at the general de-control policy now being carried out, and particularly at the removal of price ceilings on coarse grains after a large part of the harvest had been taken over by the grain trade. It is asked that coarse grains handling be placed under the sole control of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Numerous other resolutions on prices and price controls cover a wide field, and the substance of them has already been published in *The Western Farm Leader*. Opening of the U.S. market for livestock is of course to the forefront.

Support for Britain

Acadia Federal C.A. stresses the vital importance of continuing to assist the Government and people of Great Britain in every way possible, and pledging support of the Association to all necessary measures. The point is stressed that this assistance should be "a contribution of all the people of Canada and not from any one group."

The resolution calls for a great increase in the volume of British goods imported into Canada, the raising of a great Dominion loan to be used for the financing of Canadian products to Britain, and "an outright gift of such Canadian funds as are necessary from the point of view of present emergencies."

OTTAWA LETTER (Cont. from page 1) included—in return for British machinery, means not only increased food for people but for livestock as well. With the cloud of fear of war, distant or near, never being entirely dispelled, it is natural that Britain is striving to make itself as self sufficient as possible as far as staple food-stuffs are concerned.

Up to Canada

There will remain the uncovered balance between what the British can produce and what they need to feed the people properly, and it of course is up to Canada to keep a large section of that market. The right of Canada to expect its full share has never been questioned by the British. The goodwill for Canadian products had been strengthened during the war, both through deliveries and quality. The shortage of feed grains has been a formidable hurdle, and the deliveries during 1947 in bacon, beef and cheese have been considerably below contract figures. The shortage of grains of course continues, and deliveries on new contracts are placed at approximately the amounts delivered in 1947, but in spite of decreased figures in contracts, the aim is maintained for a balanced agricultural economy.

An important feature of the contracts is the assurance given to the future of the bacon industry. Canada's bacon production is based primarily on the special needs of the British market. Wiltshire sides are produced and processed specifically for that market, and even with the Danes and perhaps later other producers in competition in the British market, there is every reason to believe that Canada should keep a strong position in that market.

It is to be noted that the bacon and

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LONDON, Eng. — Arrangements have been made by the British Government for the large-scale manufacture of a cheap and efficient hearing aid. It will be suitable for 90 per cent of the deaf people in Britain, and will be issued free.

beef contracts cover the calendar year 1948, the egg contract for 12 months beginning late in January, 1948, and the cheese contract for 12 months from April 1, 1948.

Available Feed Grain

The estimate made by the Bureau of Statistics of the available feed grain in Canada shows that the gross supplies of feed grain available for the 1947-48 crop year is 11.6 million tons, compared to 13.9 million in the previous year. The way the figures were arrived at was adding crops of oats, barley, rye, corn, buckwheat and mixed grains to the carryover of oats, barley and rye. It works out for the present crop year at 0.65 of a ton per grain consuming animal unit, compared with 0.81 in 1946-47. Wheat used as feed is not included in the calculation. The figure for 1947-48 is the lowest in the past six years. During 1942-43 the figure was considerably higher at 0.91 per animal. The grain consuming animal units are placed at 17,925,000 (the stock population on June 1st, 1947).

The latest statistics indicate some easing in the farm labor situation. There is a continued demand for skilled labor on farms, but at the end of November unfilled vacancies were one-fifth those recorded in July, and applicants for employment were double those of July. Of course there is the seasonal factor to be taken into account, but the farm labor situation as far as these figures indicate is easier than for several years.

START RADIO SERIES

Beginning January 7th, the Alberta Educational Council are sponsoring a series of broadcasts over the chief radio stations of the Province. The Council is urging that the Provincial Government meet at least fifty per cent of the cost of elementary and secondary education.

New Record

William Williams, 27-year-old miner of Aberfan, Wales, made a new record last month when he dug 50 tons of coal in six hours. He used a pneumatic pick and handloaded the coal.

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COUNTRY AND CITY

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Dear Farm Women:

I am afraid I am late in wishing you a Happy New Year. As many of you have done at times, I went to the city for the holidays. And the different routine, the different interests after the comparative quietness of country life made the days pass very quickly.

Days are not marked off quite the same in the country with the special one probably being mail day. And, by the way, going into one little post office and seeing the difference there between the Christmas mail and the ordinary mail makes one realize what it must mean all across Canada. While we make much protest about the commercializing of Christmas, it has been good to receive the reminders of old days and earlier friendship and connections.

But visits to the city are always rather exciting and the more so if they are not very frequent. It is interesting to make comparisons between the city and the country—sometimes not to the advantage of the latter. There are so many to whom it means the bath tub instead of the basin and the wash tub, the quicker and easier gas or electricity for lighting and heating, and to all it is from seeing only a few of our fellow humans each day to seeing them almost in swarms, especially if one is in the city for the last pre-Christmas rush.

And very interesting it is to sit quietly aside for a time and watch. We see signs of the same emotions that stir us in the country. There are some happy-looking folk, some sad, some kindly, some ill-natured, and some with a mask which seems to conceal what manner of men or women they are. Also we see the same little evidences of thoughtfulness, the same signs of kindness and also the same lack of consideration, the same evidences of boorishness.

Whether we are in the city or whether we are in the country, we do not live to ourselves alone, our contact with our fellows, few or many, gives evidence of the sort of person we are.

When Supplying Need Aim of All

Sometimes there seems a lack of sympathy, a want of understanding between city and country people except those with whom we are immediately connected. Very often the ones are the consumers deploring the increased cost of products which the others are producing. That in itself is often enough to make them feel their interests are different. What a happy day it will be when those in the city and those in the country both produce, not with the thought of profit and gain, but with the thought of supplying the needs of the other. How differently we shall look at many things when that is the great motive of society.

When we country people come to the city, what pretty things we see! Opinions may differ as to what is pleasing, but regardless of the preference, there is almost sure to be something for every taste. In most instances it is not for the lack of luxury we make moan, but rather for the wherewithal to get what we see and

UN Scholarship Winners

LONDON, Eng.—The first holders of Social Affairs scholarships awarded by the UN have arrived in Britain; the party includes 25 men and women from Austria, China, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Poland and Yugoslavia. They will spend six to nine months studying Britain's social services.

in many cases need. Most of us wish our crops had been better, but we try to solace ourselves with the realization that what may seem a lack to us, is to many in this world today a great abundance.

But late as it is, may I wish you all a happy New Year—and for you all a trip to the city to see for yourselves much you will enjoy!

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Farm Home and Garden

Bohemian Cabbage: Melt 4 tbs. dripping, add 1 small onion, thinly sliced, 2 apples, peeled and quartered, salt, pepper, and 1/4 cup vinegar, lastly, add 1 small head of cabbage, shredded finely, cover closely and cook until tender, stirring often.

Grapefruit Bavarian: Soften 2 tbs. gelatine in 1/2 cup cold water, and add to syrup made of 1/2 cup sugar and 1-1/2 cups boiling water, then add 1-1/2 cups canned grapefruit juice and 2 tsp. lemon juice. Cool, and beat until frothy, then add 1 cup heavy cream whipped stiff and blend thoroughly. Chill until set.

Potato Pudding: To 1-1/2 cups hot mashed potatoes add 2 tbs. butter, and mix well, then add the beaten yolks of 3 eggs, 1 cup white sugar, the grated rind and juice of half a lemon, lastly fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and oven poach until set.

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A subscription of \$15 to the Robert Gardiner Scholarship Fund was made recently by Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. (Sedgewick).

Fairacres U.F.W.A. (Oyen) are planning to have a Community Evening once each month, with whist drive or other entertainment.

Clairmont U.F.W.A. recently made a presentation to Mr. M. Gudlaugson, a long and faithful worker in the U.F.A., who is now leaving the district.

Fleet U.F.W.A. celebrated their 22nd anniversary with a banquet, during the year they put aside \$21.40 for a movie projector for the school, sent a CARE parcel, and contributed to other funds. They also sponsored a successful presentation by the University Players.

Each month Conrich U.F.W.A. sends a twenty-pound food parcel to Britain, and since midsummer they have also sent 180 pounds of used clothing. At their December meeting, instead of bringing gifts for each other, members brought parcels for the Woods Home. Returns from the recent picture showing, sale of work and raffle, totalled about \$210, writes Mrs. T. J. Giles, secretary.

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U.F.W.A. CONVENTION

Soon after this issue comes into the hands of our readers, delegates to the Annual Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta will be gathering in Edmonton.

Many important resolutions will come before the Convention, largely concerned with the problems in which women have shown an especially profound interest, although they concern the welfare of the whole community—education, social legislation, public health and hospitalization, consumers' problems (a resolution from the Battle River U.F.W.A. Conference proposes a consumers' strike), and so forth.

In our next number and later we shall deal with some Convention features of this important gathering of the organized farm women of the Province.

U.F.W.A. Local News

Mrs. Kathleen McLachlan is the new president of Clyde U.F.W.A.

Parcels of food and clothing have been sent to England by Horse Hill U.F.W.A. (North Edmonton), writes Mrs. W. Clark.

Final arrangements for the bazaar and whist, and for supper to be served at a New Year dance were made at a recent meeting of Pickardville U.F.W.A.

A first aid kit is being supplied for the Community Hall by Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. A children's Christmas party was among the recent activities of these ladies, who also made a donation to the nurses' home.

Conjuring U.F.W.A. reports a very successful card party and show, in the Community Hall, netting \$14 for the treasury, the sum of \$35 was earned by serving lunch at an auction sale.

Doley and Browning U.F.W.A. Locals, in the Edgerton district, are planning to join forces. Ladies of Browning Local donated \$12 for treats for school children, and also provided gifts for the pre-school age tots. The new joint local, to be called Browning-Doley, are joining the Consumers' League, paying fees from the treasury.

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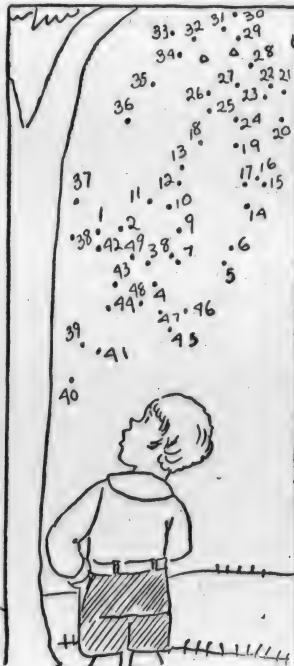
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The "Alberta Poetry Year Book" is always interesting reading, and the 1947 issue is no exception. It is, in fact, of especial interest to *Western Farm Leader* readers, since our regular contributor, Mrs. Isa Grindlay Jackson, was one of the judges and makes some penetrating comments in the introduction.

The prize-winning entries, and others judged worthy of publication in the Year Book, are varied as to form, subject, and treatment. One does not need to be a critic of poetry to enjoy reading these Western writers, and, where the subject is some aspect of Western life, to see and feel familiar sights and experiences through other, and often sensitive, eyes. And it is interesting to speculate on the possible influence of pioneer life in the West, of our rigorous climate, of the large scale of our countryside, on the literature of the West, as it develops in the future. Interesting, too, to wonder if some of the names of writers of some of these poems which take one's fancy now may be famous, fifty or a hundred years hence. Who knows? Even recognized critics have been wrong in attempting prediction, in the past, and it is just possible that you or I might make a shrewdly prophetic guess.—A.T.S.

Little Folks' Puzzle**A FABLE**

Do you remember the fable about the grapes? When the old fellow couldn't reach the grapes, he said that the grapes were sour. Join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number thirty-four, and you will see who said this. Complete this picture with your crayons.

JUNIOR NEWS ITEMS

A skating party was enjoyed by Westlock-Edison Juniors after their recent meeting. Their guest speaker, Mrs. Smith, discussed the matter of amalgamation, writes Helen Roffey, secretary.

Following the annual business meeting of Balzac Junior U.F.A., held at the home of Jim Huggare, plans were discussed for presenting the Local's variety show in Crescent Heights auditorium, in Calgary.

**New Year's Resolution**

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Another is good health for one's self and one's family.

Another is to feel that we are useful members of the community, appreciated by friends and neighbours and playing a significant part as citizens of a democracy.

All of these mean little or nothing if one's attitude to life is not good.

We would like to suggest that to belong to an organization in which there is a sense of fellowship, sharing in a common cause, contributing to social and economic well-being through co-operation, contributes both to prosperity and happiness.

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity.
Alberta Wheat Pool

Next spring will mark the third anniversary of the end of the European war. It was hoped that by this time considerable progress would have been made in the rehabilitation of the war ravaged nations. Nevertheless food is still dangerously scarce, and 1948 will be another "critical year".

The basic food commodities, wheat and rice, are both in serious short supply. As far as Europe is concerned, the crisis will develop in the spring time. By scraping their wheat bins exporting nations may be able to carry Europe through the critical period, but it will be "touch and go". In Asia famine conditions are bound to prevail.

Fat Below Average

Last year's European grain crop was away below average because of excessive cold in winter and drought in summer. That continent may produce a much better crop this year, but even at that it will be late summer before the crop is available to the population. If the wheat outturn of that continent increases by 300 million bushels, the situation will be eased considerably by the year end.

Canadian policy is obviously directed towards encouraging livestock production, as instanced by the recent increases in prices in the British food contracts. This will have the effect of increasing the acreage in coarse grains in Western Canada. Wheat acreage will probably remain about the same as in 1947, approximately 24 million acres for the Dominion and 23 million for Western Canada. It is possible that the Federal Department of Agriculture visualizes an upward swing in world wheat production and aims at keeping Canadian agriculture on a better balance as between livestock and grain production.

Meeting Committees in Peace River Area

Responding to requests that branch stores of U.F.A. Central Co-operative be opened in the district, R. M. McCool, Superintendent of Stores, has been in the Peace River area since January 2nd, meeting committees set up last summer, during a series of meetings conducted by Norman F. Priestley. Considerable sums of money have been raised for this purpose at Brownvale and Fairview, and Mr. McCool is assisting local committees in negotiations with owners of existing businesses.

Loans Total \$10,343,310 in This Province

The report of the Canadian Farm Loan Board for the year ended March 31st last, recently issued in pamphlet form, shows that operations have been carried on in Alberta since 1929, and 5,304 loans totalling \$10,343,310 have been made in this Province. At the time the report was prepared, only 3 per cent of borrowers were in arrears in interest payments.

Over 21 Million Women in Russian Co-ops

No fewer than 21,500,000 women are members of Russian co-operatives. Women employees of co-operatives number 444,600, and 5,500 leading positions, such as chairmanships of local co-operative societies, are held by women.

World Flax Production Up

A preliminary estimate for 1947 places world flaxseed production, at 131.8 million bushels, 24 per cent greater than last year's outturn, and the largest since the record of 171 million bushels in 1943. North American crops were 78 per cent larger than in 1946.

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 5th.—The Meat Board has announced a price increase of \$7 per cwt. for export Wiltshires effective on products into cure for export on and after today. This increases the price paid for A-1 sizeable Wiltshire from \$29.50 to \$35. Local prices are Grade A for shipment \$28, at plants, \$27. Last week, trading was brisk on the cattle market, with receipts light and the quality somewhat improved. The practical top on steers was \$15.50, choice heifers traded \$13.50 to \$14, down to \$8.50 for common sorts. Good light cows traded from \$10.50 to \$11, good heavies from \$9.75 to \$10.50, bulls from \$7 to \$10.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 7th.—Hogs this week are \$27.15, Grade A, sows are \$15.75. Good lambs on Monday sold at \$15 to \$15.25, ewes \$6.75. The cattle market is active, prices 25 to 50 cents stronger for the week. Good to choice steers are \$15.25 to \$16.25, common to medium \$12 to \$15, good to choice heifers \$14.50 to \$15.50, common to medium \$11 to \$14.25, good fed calves are \$14.50 to \$15, down to \$13 for common, good cows \$10.50 to \$11.25, down to \$8.50 for common, canners and cutters, \$5.50 to \$8, good bulls \$10 to \$10.50, down to \$8 for common.

The Dairy Market

Butter stocks on hand in the nine principal cities of Canada at January 1st were 28,788,598 pounds, as compared with 40,102,129 at December 1st. However, one year ago, at Jan. 1st, 1947, the figure was 25,501,655. Locally prints are 67 cents, special grade cream is 69 cents, less 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream (maximum for transportation, 30 cents). Outside quotations are: Montreal 66 cents, Toronto 69-69 1/2, Vancouver 69.

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Suggest "In Memory" Books Instead of Flowers

On the agenda for the forthcoming main Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta is a resolution from McCafferty U.F.W.A. Local in which it is pointed out that the life of flowers given at funerals as tributes to the deceased is very brief, and suggesting that instead "we encourage the giving of 'In Memory' books, thus helping to build up community libraries and making for a more lasting tribute." This resolution is in line with suggestions made by Mrs. H. Zella Spencer in her letters to Farm Women in this publication.

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,
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Replies to Enquiries

Dividing Farm Among Children

Oldtimer.—Your inquiry is hardly a legal one. There is no law in this Province which prevents you dividing among your children your farm in the way you suggest. It is purely a question of convenience in the operation of each parcel. From the standpoint of costs it would be cheaper and much more convenient to simply make the transfers as legal sub-divisions, with each parcel facing on a road allowance, rather than attempt to distribute the various parcels in such a way as to constitute a road allowance.

There is no way in which you can force the Municipal District to accept responsibility for such a road so that the cost of maintenance and up-keep would rest with the owners of the several parcels.

I recommend, therefore, that you should simply arrange the division by transfers by legal sub-divisions, with the parcels facing on the road allowance.

You should consult some Accountant or Lawyer with respect to the Gift Tax, as it is quite possible a transaction of this kind comes under the Gift Tax Act and you might find yourself liable for a substantial tax.

Community Hall

A Subscriber.—There is no law in the Province governing the operation of community halls. If your hall is incorporated as it should be under the *Societies' Act*, the by-laws of the society should empower the officers to say under what conditions the hall can be used and by whom. If the hall is not incorporated, but simply held by trustees, they have the right to say who shall use it. The fact that members of another organization are members of the Community Hall does not give them the right to use the hall.

Will Can Be Changed

W.O.—A man's will does not take effect until he dies. During his lifetime he can dispose of property as he sees fit, notwithstanding the terms of any will. In any event a will can be changed at any time. The son's remedy would seem to rest on whether there was an agreement with his father, which gave him a sufficient interest in the farm machinery to support an action for injunction. This is a case where better advice can be given by a lawyer, who has been able to talk the matter over with the son, so as to be sure he has all the facts.

Crop Share Lease

Wg. Day.—There is no law which fixes the share of crop to be delivered by a renter to the owner of land. It is purely a matter of agreement between the two. Crop share leases vary considerably, depending upon what is leased and the arrangements agreed upon between the owner and the tenant. I am sorry I cannot give you better advice.

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International Federation Second Annual Meeting Will Be in Paris in May

The second annual general meeting of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers will be held in Paris, from May 19th to 29th, 1948. This information has been received in a letter from the head office, in London, inviting *The Western Farm Leader* to be represented. This meeting, the only conference of the representatives of the independent farmers' organizations of the world, has great significance for farmers everywhere, especially as current problems of the greatest importance will be considered by the delegates. A tour of French farming districts is also being arranged. It will be recalled that the first annual meeting was held at The Hague in May of last year.

AMALGAMATION (Continued from page 1)

that a plebiscite of the membership of the U.F.A. and A.F.U. should be taken on the subject of holding an open delegate convention of the membership of both organizations to create an amalgamated body and decide upon its policy.

Various Views E-pressed

From a considerable number of Constituency and District Associations of the U.F.A. and from some Locals, resolutions have been received by U.F.A. Central Office on amalgamation proposals, and others will no doubt have been sent in before this issue reaches our readers. These resolutions have been submitted for consideration by the Annual Convention, and they reveal varying points of view.

T.B. Free Area

It is proposed by Acadia Federal C.A. that both Dominion and Provincial Governments be asked to co-operate in ensuring the necessary inspection be completed in order that a T.B. Free Area may be established in that section of the Province North of Red Deer where a large majority voted for such action, to create "the largest T.B. Free Area in the British Empire."

Provision of a short course for teachers in Sex Hygiene either at Normal School or the University is proposed by the North Peace River Convention.

Bringing of heifer calves from B.C. or some equally reliable source by the Alberta Government is asked by Acadia Federal C.A., these calves to be sold at cost to bona-fide farmers.

Enactment of legislation to make Daylight Saving Time illegal is asked in a number of resolutions.

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 4)

in the common cause in the recent war, was "set back" financially to the extent of some 25 billion dollars.

This means, of course, that the average individual citizen of Great Britain today, has to shoulder, in effect, an "indemnity" very much greater (not very far short of double the amount) than the bill which the Allies of World War I, who were charged with being vindictive, presented to the Germans at Lausanne. That bill, of course, was never paid—except as to a small fraction. It was scaled down by the Dawes and Young "plans"—while Anglo-American interests made large loans to Germany which were used in part to prepare for World War II.

BRITAIN'S CAPITAL POSITION

How was Britain's disadvantageous capital position today in relation to the outside world—her setting back by about \$25 billion—brought about? It occurred in this fashion:

In the early years of World War II, before the U.S. introduced Lend-Lease, Britain sold gold and securities amounting to nearly \$5 billion. This was a low figure, as the New York stock market saw to it that sales were made at rock bottom prices.

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tion, Britain was precluded from manufacturing for export any goods which might compete with those she imported. Labor was deliberately transferred from her export industries to the armed forces and to arms manufacture, and Britain ended the war with her exports at only one-third of their pre-war volume.

But while Britain could not produce for the export market, she had to go on buying food. Argentina, India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and many other countries continued to send her goods for which they were credited sterling in London. India drove a hard bargain, insisting that Britain should pay 100 per cent of the cost of the Indian army the moment it left India and 100 per cent of the cost of the British army the moment it entered India.

In consequence of these various factors, and of the keeping of large British armies in Egypt, Palestine and Iraq, and in many other places, Britain ended the war with "sterling balances" owing to numerous countries, amounting in all to the equivalent of \$15 billion.

Then Lend-Lease suddenly ended. Britain found herself in a grave predicament, with her exporting industries running at one-third of their pre-war level, while she was in urgent need of food which must be bought abroad.

To help in filling this gap, Canada made a loan to Britain of \$1.25 billion, while the United States agreed finally to a loan of \$3.75 billion, making a total of \$5 billion.

All these amounts, it will be seen, combined to set back the British nation by \$25 billion—apart altogether from the vast increase in internal indebtedness, the loss occasioned by the sinking of half the merchant fleet, and the destruction of one-quarter of Britain's housing accommodation.

Incidentally, Britain has contributed more to European rehabilitation than she has drawn from the United States loan.

Britain's National Coal Board has placed orders for \$36 millions worth of machinery as a first instalment in the extensive program of mines modernization.

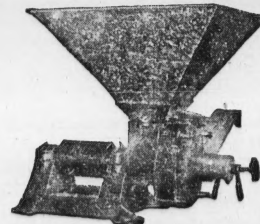
Year's Operations Show \$10,163,000 Profit

Profits on the year's operations of the Bank of Montreal were \$10,163,000, announced George W. Spinney, president, at the recent annual meeting of the Bank. Of this, \$584,000 was set aside for depreciation of bank buildings, and \$5,423,000 for Dominion Income and Excess Profits taxes and Provincial taxes.

The general level of wholesale prices in Canada is now approximately 85 per cent higher than at the beginning of the war, Mr. Spinney stated.

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During the recent holiday season some folks liked holly, others went for mistletoe, but speaking personally, we always think a good Christmas dinner makes the best interior decoration.

In an English crossword puzzle we've just come across we found this: "The talk of the town when the innkeeper watered his whiskey." And the definition thus: "Public Scandal". Will you, Alberta Liquor Control Board, please note.

HUSH, HUSH

"Emoluments include any allowances, privileges or benefits, whether obtaining legally or by customary practice."—From the British Transport Act, Section 125. Ah yes, please do not deal with the other rogues across the street.

"After hearing the chairman's speech gumming up what the previous speakers had said pro and con, the meeting then adjourned without coming to any decision."

—From the *Smith's Falls Record*, News.

Well, naturally, after that they couldn't find anything else that would stick.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Tactfulness is the art of making people around you think they know something.

—Thenx to L.J.S., Edmonton.

PERMANENCE

When I have spent the cash I have to spend,
And all my earthly goods and chattels sold,
I shall await the coming of the end
Without the fear that haunts one growing old.

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Of fabric spun from mem'ry's golden store
Of noble thoughts, and hours when I was blest
With visions of the dim eternal shore:

Of beauties glimpsed in sunset skies at night,
Of perfumes stealing through the summer air,
Of love's first stirrings—adoration's height,
And all that made the world so passing fair.

And humbler threads shall reinforce the gold—
Simple affection, friendly fire-side talk,
The laugh of children at a story told,
The morning kiss, the eager homeward walk.

And I shall mark the fading of the flower,
The dissolution of the world's allure,
The passing of my friends, the darkening hour,
And know that in my house I am secure.

—Mary A. Dunn.

TODAY'S DEFINITION

Wolf: A guy who thinks of women from sex to sixty.

—Thenx to Bob S., Calgary.

POME

Consider now the buzzy bee,
And everything he does.
He doesn't sell his busyness,
But marketeth his buzz.

And that reminds the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest that a guy who has a

bee in his bonnet seldom has a date with a honey.

Yes, yes, and we might add that a chap with bats in the belfry is not likely to be a good home runner.

WELL, WELL, IT WAS THE
FESTIVE SEASON

Captain A. J. Dyer, chairman of the London Licensed Victuallers' Association, discussing the possibility that opening hours may be staggered said: "We want more beer to make staggering really effective."—*London Daily Mirror*.

Hic, hic, Hooray!

"God made the world and rested. He then made Man, but found the man needed so much rest that someone had to be made to do the work—hence the reason for making woman."

—Thenx to Mrs. T.L.F., Claresholm.
That ought to give Wally, our incurable bach., something to think about.

Over in Wales a farmer who left more than \$25,000 bequeathed 60 cents in "two equal instalments" to his wife. Sounds as if the lady reaped a poor matrimonial harvest.

A BRIGHT SPARK

Sign on a British Corporation street cleaning cart: "Sack your waste paper, don't fire it."

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Wally: What's the best way to teach a girl how to swim!
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Wally: She's my sister.
Bob: Oh, just push her off the dock.

—Thenx to Barney M.

No guy will ever catch me, snickers Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp. You see, Musty, my dress has fast colors in it. And then she laughed, and laughed and laughed again.

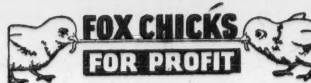
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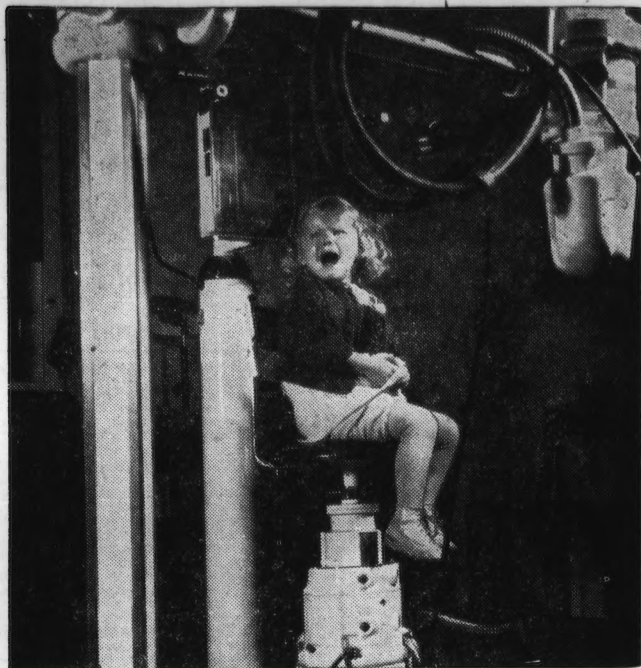
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